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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S PARLIAMENTARY TOUR D'HORIZON

1. SUMMARY: SPEAKING TO SPRING SESSION OF PARLIAMENT,  
HUNGARIAN FONMIN PUJA STATED DETENTE CONTINUES CHARACTERIZE  
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BUT DETENTE PROCESS SLOWING DOWN.  
HE SAID NEUTRON BOMB COULD BRING INTO QUESTION POSITIVE  
ACHIEVEMENTS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, NOTED SATISFACTORY  
CONCLUSION OF CSCE, PLAZGED CONTULUED GOH EFFORTS TO IMPLE-  
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MENT FINAL ACT, SPOKE OF UNSATISFACTORY U.S.-SOVIET RELA-  
TIONS WHICH HE HOPED SOON WOULD TAKE TURN FOR BETTER. IN  
FAIRLY LONG PASSAGE ON RELATIONS WITH U.S. HE NOTED  
POSITIVE STEP OF RETURN OF CROWN AND SAID NEWLY  
SIGNED U.S.-HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENTS SUMMED UP  
POSSIBILITIES FOR BROADENING ECONOMIC RELATIONS.  
STRESSING DESIRE TO EXPAND TIES WITH CAPITALIST  
STATES, HE NONETHELESS CLEARLY PLACED TIES WITH  
SOVIETS AND COMMUNIST ALLIES FIRST. PUJA WELCOMED  
IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH HUNGARIAN EMIGRE COMMUNITIES

AND INVITED THEM TO VISIT HUNGARY. LITTLE NEW WAS SAID IN THIS ORAL PRIMER ON HUNGARIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS BUT HUNGARIANS SEEM TO BE MAINTAINING OUTWARD-LOOKING, CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC STANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE TAKING NO NEW DEPARTURES IN HIS SURVEY OF HUNGARY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, FONMIN FRIGYES PUJA'S SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH HE DELIVERED MAR 24, WAS ACCURATE SUMMARY OF CURRENT HUNGARIAN FOREIGN POLICY. PUJA FIRST DISCUSSED EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THEN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS AREAS OF INTEREST TO HUNGARY, AND FINALLY HUNGARY'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH WIDE RANGE OF COUNTRIES.

3. PUJA SAID THAT DETENTE CONTINUES TO BE MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THERE IS NO RATIONAL ALTERNATIVE TO IT. HOWEVER, HE NOTED A SLOWING DOWN IN DETENTE PROCESS. HE SAID KEY TO FUTURE PROGRESS WAS EXTENSION OF POLITICAL DETENTE TO MILITARY SPHERE. AFTER PRAISING SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS, HE SAID PLANS TO PRODUCE AND DEPLOY NEUTRON BOMB COULD BRING INTO QUESTION POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS REACHED UP UNTIL NOW.

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4. WITH REGARD CSCE, FONMIN DEPLORED FACT THAT SOME WESTERN STATES WISHED TO USE BELGRADE CONFERENCE TO DEMAND AN ACCOUNTING FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. FINALLY, SOBER CONSIDERATIONS PREVAILED AND THE CONFERENCE ENDED SATISFACTORILY. HE ASSERTED THAT CSCE PROCESS WAS A LONG-TERM ONE AND THAT PROVISIONS OF FINAL ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BUT EVENLY AND AVOIDING INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SIGNATORY STATES.

5. PUJA REITERATED HUNGARIAN POSITION WITH RESPECT SEVERAL CRISIS AREAS. IN MIDDLE EAST, HE CLAIMED SADAT INITIATIVE HAD FAILED, PARTIES SHOULD GO TO GENEVA WITH PLO PARTICIPATION. REALIZATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS HAD TO BE ASSURED. ISRAEL WAS CONDEMNED FOR INCURSION INTO LEBANON. PUJA ALSO REAFFIRMED HUNGARIAN SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA AND OPPOSITION TO INTERNAL SETTLEMENT OF RHODESIA PROBLEM. HE GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO VIETNAMESE PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING BORDER CONFLICT HE SAID HAD BEEN UNLEASHED BY CAMBODIA.

6. PUJA SAID: "WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT THE PRESENT UNSATISFACTORY TREND IN SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS WOULD BE REPLACED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE BY A FORWARD LOOKING STATE . . . ." HE DENOUNCED ALLEGED U.S. AND WEST EUROPEAN ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.

7. FONMIN COMMENCED HIS REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES BY CUSTOMARY EXPRESSION OF DEVOTION TO CLOSEST TIES WITH SOVIETS AND WARSAW PACT ALLIES, NOT FAILING TO NOTE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING ECONOMIC TIES THROUGH CEMA. HE COVERED IN SPECIFIC TERMS RELATIONS WITH FIVE WESTERN NATIONS AND IT MAY BE OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE THAT U.S. WAS PROMOTED TO THIRD RANK AMONG THOSE HE DISCUSSED. FIRST, HE ACKNOWLEDGED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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NOTABLE PROGRESS IN RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA, MENTIONING

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CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS TO ABOLISH VISA REQUIREMENT AND ALSO ONGOING SERIES OF ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS. SECOND, HE NOTED WEST GERMANY WAS HUNGARY'S MOST IMPORTANT WESTERN TRADING PARTNER. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TRADE RELATIONS WOULD FREE THEMSELVES FROM CURRENT LIMITATIONS AND EXPAND EVEN FURTHER.

8. "IN A STEP WHICH WAS SEEN BY OUR GOVERNMENT AS POSITIVE," SAID PUJA, THE U.S. RETURNED THE CROWN OF ST STEPHEN TO HUNGARY. PUJA ALSO NOTED SIGNING OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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U.S.- HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH, HE OBSERVED, STILL NEEDED TO BE RATIFIED BY BOTH PARTIES. HE SAID THIS WOULD OPEN UP POSSIBILITIES FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO BROADEN ECONOMIC RELATIONS FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION.

9. FOURTHLY AND FIFTHLY, PUJA BRIEFLY NOTED OFFICIAL VISITS OF KADAR TO ITALY AND PRIME MINISTER BARRE TO HUNGARY WHICH HE SAID HELPED STRENGTHEN HUNGARY'S RELATIONS WITH ITALY AND FRANCE. HE HOPED OTHER SUMMIT MEETINGS (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WITH WHOM) WOULD ASSURE EVEN MORE DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE. HE ADDED THAT WITH RESPECT TO ITS RELATIONS WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, HUNGARY WOULD STRIVE TO EXPAND POLITICAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOP ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE STILL SOME OBSTACLES TO THIS IN THE FORM OF ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HUNGARY.

10. IN CLOSING PORTION OF HIS SPEECH, FONMIN AFFIRMED THAT HUNGARY TAKES GREAT SATISFACTION FROM FACT THAT HUNGARIAN EMIGREES -- APART FROM A ROOTLESS SECTION STILL LIVING IN PAST -- CONTINUE TO COME CLOSER AND

CLOSER TO THEIR OLD COUNTRY. MANY OF THEM GAVE VOICE TO THESE FEELINGS THAT THE RETURN OF CROWN'S RETURN AND SIGNING OF U.S.- HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT, HE WENT ON. " IN LINE WITH THE HUMANE POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT, I CAN REPEAT AND CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE NO HOSTILE FEELINGS TOWARD THOSE WHO RESIDE IN A NEW COUNTRY -- AND IF THEY RESPECT THE LAWS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THEY ARE WELCOME VISITORS TO THEIR HOMELAND. NO COOPERATION IS,  
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HOWEVER, POSSIBLE WITH THOSE WHO SHOW HOSTILE FEELINGS TOWARDS THE PROGRESS OF SOCIALIST HUNGARY."

11. COMMENT: PUJA EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS HUNGARIAN OPTIMISM ON DETENTE WHILE AT SAME TIME ATTACKING WEST FOR INCREASING ITS MILITARY PREPAREDNESS. HIS REPEATED REFERENCES TO A DESIRE TO DEVELOP

FURTHER RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE U.S. AS WELL AS HIS AFFIRMATION OF HUNGARIAN INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO SEEK MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING HELSINKI FINAL ACT, SUGGEST HUNGARY PLANS TO MAINTAIN ITS OUTWARD LOOKING AND, IN RECENT YEARS, MORE FLEXIBLE, FOREIGN POLICIES. PUJA'S REFERENCE TO STATE VISITS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES UNDOUBTEDLY WAS A REFERENCE TO A PROJECTED VISIT BY FIRST SECRETARY KADAR TO FRANCE, LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE THE END OF THIS YEAR. IT MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN ALLUSION TO HOPES A VISIT BY GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN 1979 AND POSSIBLY A HOPE FOR SOME HIGH-RANKING EXCHANGES WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT CERTAINLY IS OPEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT HUNGARIANS ARE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH EXCHANGES.

12. THE WELCOME EXTENDED TO HUNGARIANS EMIGRES WAS PROBABLY GIVEN IN PART TO DEMONSTRATE AN INTENTION TO FULFILL HUNGARY'S COMMITMENT TO THE U.S., MADE AT THE TIME OF THE CROWN'S RETURN, TO PERMIT ALL EMIGRES ABROAD TO VISIT HUNGARY AND, WHILE HERE, TO SEE THE CROWN ON DISPLAY. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW HUNGARY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A POLICY OF RECONCILIATION WITH ITS EMIGRES. GOH CLEARLY SEES ADVANTAGES WHICH CAN BE GAINED BY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THESE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ABROAD, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN WEST. THEREFORE, WE EXPECT HUNGARY TO CONTINUE PROMOTE SUCH RELATIONS.  
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